

Amendments to the Claims:

Cancel claim 12, without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A torque transmission system for transmitting torque between a prime mover and a gearbox in a vehicle, said system extending along a longitudinal axis and comprising:

an input shaft coupled to the prime mover and rotatable which can rotate about a first axis of rotation;

at least one output shaft coupled to the gearbox and rotatable which can rotate about a second axis of rotation which is transversely offset from the first axis of rotation, the input and at least one output shafts extending laterally from longitudinal axis in a same lateral direction so that the prime mover and the gearbox located next to one another;

a first clutch arrangement comprising an output area, which is fixed to said output shaft for rotation in common, and an input area, which can be connected as desired to said output area for transmission of torque; and

a drive arrangement connecting said input shaft to said input area of said clutch.

2. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system as in of claim 1 wherein said drive arrangement comprises

a first drive wheel, which is connected to said input shaft for rotation in common;

a second drive wheel, which is connected to said input area of the first clutch arrangement for rotation in common; and

means connecting said first and second drive wheels so that the first drive wheel can cause the second drive wheel to rotate.

3. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as in~~ of claim 2, wherein said means connecting said first and second drive wheels comprises an endless belt.

4. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as in~~ of claim 2, further comprising an electric machine, said electric machine comprising:

a rotor arrangement connected to the first drive wheel for rotation in common; and
a stator arrangement supported on a stationary assembly.

5. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as in~~ of claim 4, further comprising a second clutch arrangement which can connect the first drive wheel to the input shaft for rotation in common as desired.

6. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as in~~ of claim 4, wherein the electric machine is essentially coaxial to the first axis of rotation essentially and is located essentially laterally next to the first clutch arrangement.

7. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as in~~ of claim 2, wherein, relative to the second axis of rotation, the input area of the first clutch arrangement is supported symmetrically with respect to the second drive wheel.

8. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system as in of claim 7, wherein the input area is supported in the axial area of the second drive wheel.

9. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system as in of claim 1, further comprising an actuating system for said first clutch arrangement, said actuating system being arranged on said second axis of rotation after said output shaft.

10. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system as in of claim 1, further comprising an actuating system for said first clutch arrangement, said actuating system being arranged coaxially with said second axis of rotation around said output shaft.

11. (currently amended) A drive system for a vehicle having a longitudinal axis, said drive system comprising:

a prime mover having a drive shaft which can rotate about a first axis of rotation; and a gearbox having a gearbox input shaft which can rotate about a second axis of rotation which is transversely offset from the first axis of rotation, the input and at least one output shafts extending laterally from the longitudinal axis in a same lateral direction so that the prime mover and the gearbox located next to one another.

12. (cancelled).

13. (currently amended) A The torque transmission system ~~as-in~~ of claim 11, further comprising a torque transmission system for transmitting torque from said drive shaft to said input shaft, said torque transmission system comprising:

a first clutch arrangement comprising an output area, which is fixed to said input shaft of said gearbox for rotation in common, and an input area, which can be connected as desired to said output area for transmission of torque; and

a drive arrangement connecting said drive shaft to said input area of said clutch.